[Mr. V. Subba Aiyer.]

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): If there is any specific allegation about any particular incident, Government may enquire.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): There are many allegations.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): If there are specific allegations against specific persons, the necessary enquiries will be made.

Police Violence at Vaikam.

54. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): (*a*) Have the Police at Vaikam snatched *charkas* from *Satyagrahis*?

(*b*) Have the Police used violence towards *Satyagraha* volunteers?

(*c*) If so, is it allowed by the Government?

(*d*) If it is not allowed, have the Government taken any action against the Police?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The member is referred to the answer to the question put by Mr. Joseph Panjikaran.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): May I know, with regard to (*b*), whether the Police used violence towards the *Satyagraha* volunteers?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The Police have not used violence towards the *Satyagraha* volunteers.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Was any enquiry made?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The District Magistrate says that, except for some pushing at the time when the *charkas* were caught hold of, the Police did not use violence towards the *Satyagraha* volunteers. I do not know what sort of enquiry he held. After going to the place and making the necessary investigation and enquiry, he has sent his report.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether he actually made any enquiry?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): He must have.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether he examined any witnesses?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The Government are not in a position to say definitely.

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MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*) : There is an allegation that the Police used violence. Will the Government be pleased to make an enquiry in the matter and collect all information ?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : There is no use in making a vague enquiry. If there is a specific allegation an enquiry will be started. I do not know whether a vague enquiry will be of an use.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): My question is whether the Government will make an enquiry.

PRESIDENT : Does not the District Magiatrate say in his report that he did make an enquiry, Mr. Subba Aiyar ?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : He did make an enquiry and he ought to have made an enquiry. Mr. Madhava Variar wants to know how many witnesses were examined.

PRESIDENT : In an enquiry, is the enquiring officer bound to examine witnesses in writing ?

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): My question is whether the District Magistrate asked any other person than the Police.

PRESIDENT : Mr. Subba Aiyar, does not the District Magistrate say that he asked the *Satyagrahis* themselves ?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Yes, Sir ; about the assistance to be given to the assaulted persons.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether Government have taken any action against the Police for using violence against the *Satyagraha* volunteers ?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): There is no proof that any Police officer has used violence.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): It has been admitted by the District Magistrate himself that there was violence.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Except for some pushing when the *charkas* were caught hold of from the *Satyagrahis*, there was no violence. Even that pushing could have been avoided if the *Satyagrahis* had handed over the *charkas*.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*) Do the Government consider that pushing is innocent ?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : It depends on the circumstances. If any particular article has to be seized, some violence is unavoidable, just as in the case of the arrest of a person.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether the *charkas* were damaged by the Police ?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : The Government have no information on that point.

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